**Tools for College Success Syllabus**

Fall 2017, Room 413

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**Course Description:** This is an elective course paired with American Government, which you will be taking next semester during Spring 2018. Tools for College Success is a one-semester course that offers ninth graders some important keys to success in high school and beyond. This course will offer students instruction in study skills, organization strategies, goal setting and time management techniques. It will introduce freshmen to the culture of their specific high school focusing on the traditions, activities, and services available. Students will work on high school planning, and explore post-secondary career options. Students will have one-on-one conference time with the teacher throughout the semester.

**Website:** Johnson-home.wikispaces.com

**Texts:** There is not an assigned textbook for this course, but there will be lectures and assigned readings and activities.

**Course Requirements:** Each student will be required to complete a variety of daily assignments (individual and group), quizzes and tests, all of which will be relevant to passing the course and graduating high school. Grades are based upon completion of assignments.

**Grades are based on the following:**

For each 9 weeks 90 – 100 = A

Test/Projects = 40% 80 – 89 = B

Classwork = 40% 70 – 79 = C

Quizzes = 20% 69 & < = F

**Attendance:** It is essential that you attend class regularly or you will fall behind. If your absence is unexcused, you may NOT be allowed to make up your work.

**Make-up Work:** You have a maximum of three class days from when you return to arrange to make up work, but you will be required to make up quizzes and tests the day you return – you will not have more time than the rest of the class to prepare. If you do not see me within the required time it is a zero. All lesson plans are posted on the course website and therefore you will know well in advance when those tests and quizzes will occur. **No excuses!!!!**

**Tardies:** Any student arriving late to class without a pass will be sent to attendance for a pass to class and can expect to receive Friday or Saturday school.

**Teacher’s Tutorial Schedule:**

I will be available on Monday’s from 3:30 to 4:00 to help with any student having trouble with TCS. I reserve the right to assign any student to this tutorial if they are having trouble.

**Materials Required:**

1. Composition Book or binder
2. Pen or pencil
3. Paper

**PBIS**: This is to provide incentives for student academic success and following the CHOP. We will use a combination of access to music through the room speakers and with the issue of CHOP bucks that can be used to buy items from the CHOP Store.